

Route 3/NH 28 Hooksett 29611 Roadway Improvement Project

- Working Group Meeting #1
- November 18, 2020
- 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM



Introductions

- NHDOT
- WSP
- Working Group participants
 - Town of Hooksett
 - Hooksett Town Council
 - Hooksett Fire/EMS
 - Hooksett School District
 - Hooksett Police Department
 - Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission
 - Southern New Hampshire University
 - District 5 Engineer

Meeting Agenda – WG Meeting #1

1. Project Background
2. Public Involvement Plan
3. Overview of Corridor Issues
4. Develop Project Vision Statement and Purpose and Need Statement
5. Meeting Wrap-up

Project Background

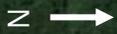
- Project limits
 - Alice Avenue to Martins Ferry Road (NH Route 27)
- Project scope
 - Improve safety and mobility for all users
 - Achieve appropriate balance between the needs of motorized, non-motorized and transit users
 - Provide safe and efficient access to abutting properties
 - Work closely with public and private stakeholders to gain consensus on design decisions
- Construction budget
 - \$9.5 million
- Project timeline
 - Preliminary design: May 2020 – September 2022
 - Final design: 2022 – 2024
 - Planned construction start date: 2025

Project Limits



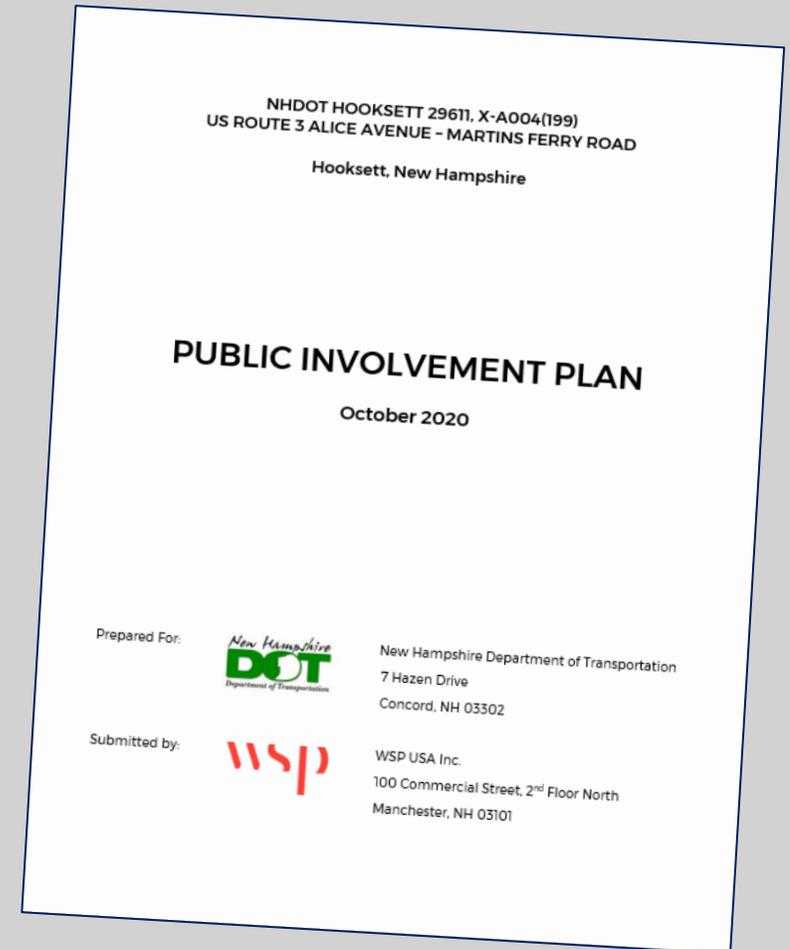
W Alice Ave

Martins Ferry Rd



Public Involvement Plan

- The Public Involvement Plan (PIP) is the project tool outlining how the public will be involved throughout the project and the communication methods
- The PIP establishes the Working Group and outlines the project team
- The PIP is a working document that will be updated throughout the project and available to the public on the NHDOT website's project page



Working Group Roles & Responsibilities

The Working Group (WG) serves in an advisory role to make recommendations to NHDOT. The WG is anticipated to be involved with the project from the project planning phase through the end of the project's initial design phase.

How we treat each other:

- Each member has an equal right to speak and ask questions. There are no “dumb questions.”
- Each member is encouraged to share individual viewpoints. Individual opinions are valid whether others agree with them or not.
- We will listen to, respect and seek to understand the views of others, particularly those perspectives that differ from our own.
- Disagreements will be explored, not suppressed. In some instances, however, disagreements may be discussed outside of the WG meetings so that we are not distracted from achieving the purpose of the meetings.
- We will be courteous when addressing other members, staff and consultants.
- We will refrain from interrupting each other, staff, or consultants.
- We will keep our comments relevant to the topic under discussion.

Working Group Roles & Responsibilities (cont.)

How we make decisions:

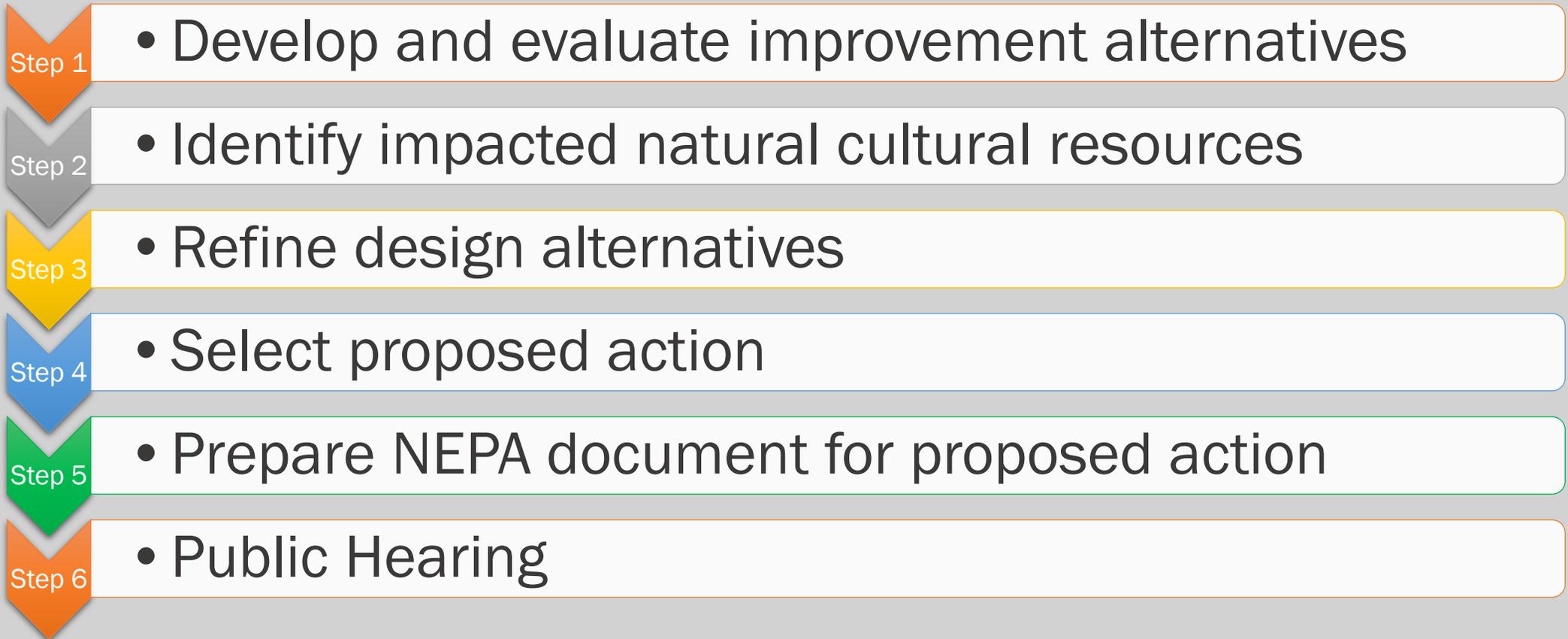
- The WG will operate by consensus whenever possible. Consensus does not necessarily mean agreement or active support by each member. Those not objecting are not necessarily indicating that they favor, but merely that they can “*live with it.*”
- In the absence of consensus, a supermajority of three-quarters (75%) of the WG members present is required for approval of an action.
- Participation in the decision-making of the WG shall be limited to its members.
- In order to provide continuity in the group’s discussions, members are asked to make every effort to attend all meetings. However, if a member cannot attend, he or she may designate an alternate to attend and participate in discussions of the WG in his or her absence.
- Non-members shall attend as observers and may be invited to offer comments if time allows.

Working Group Roles & Responsibilities (cont.)

How we communicate with those outside the WG:

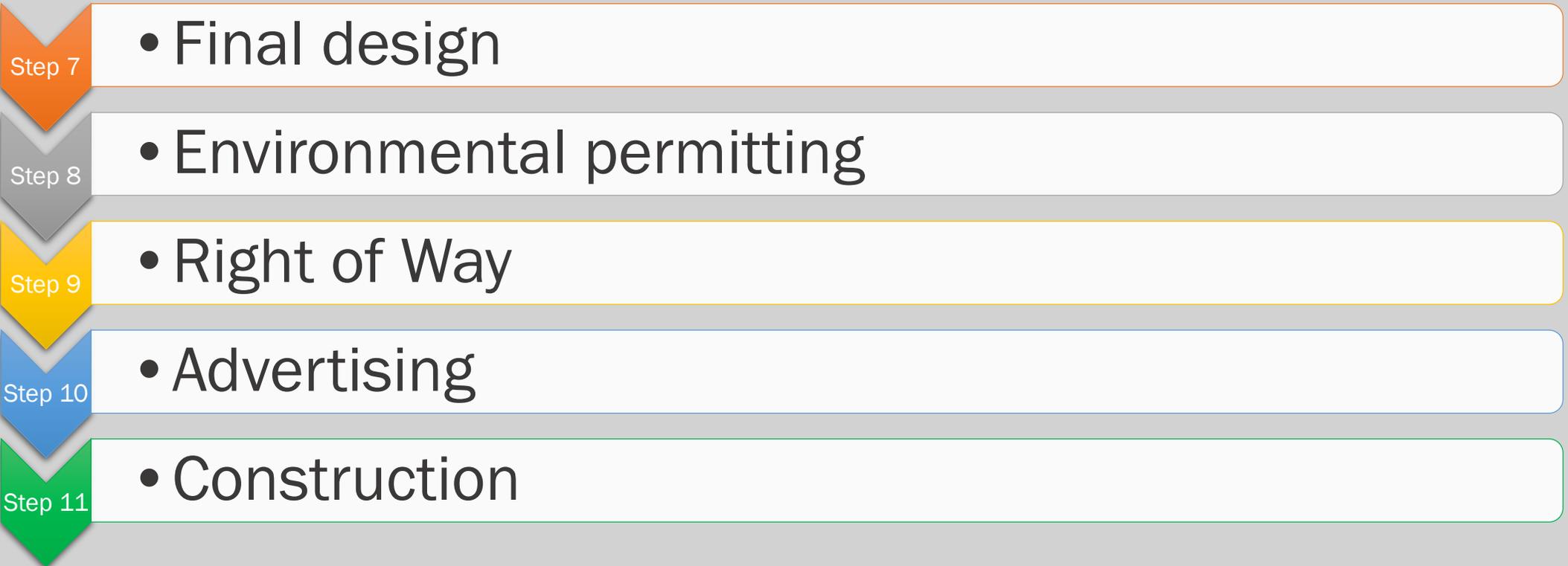
- As it is NHDOT's intent that the members of the WG represent the interests of a wide cross-section of citizens who live and work in the project area, WG members are encouraged to report on project issues to others who live and work in this area, particularly to groups or organizations to which they belong, and to bring input to WG meetings that reflect the interests of these individuals and groups.
- It will be helpful if WG members explain to others the process being used to develop the project concepts, so they better understand how the project is progressing.

Project Development Process



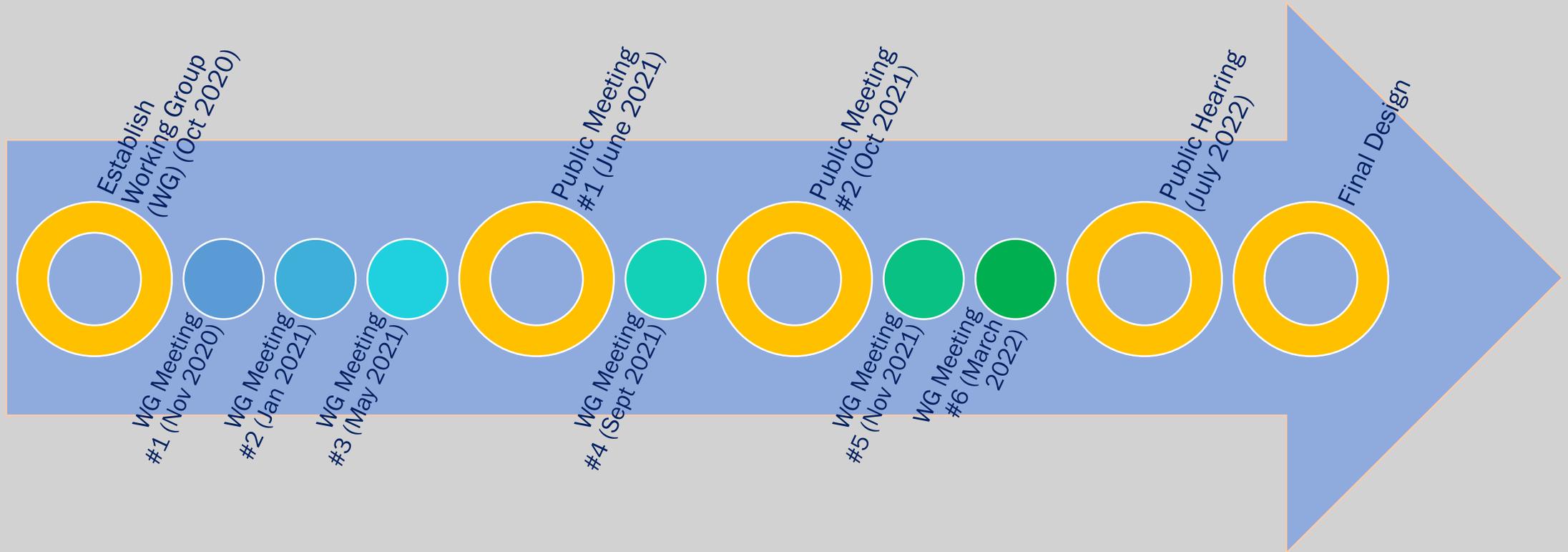
The Working Group will be involved in steps 1 through 6 of the Project Development Process.

Project Development Process (cont.)



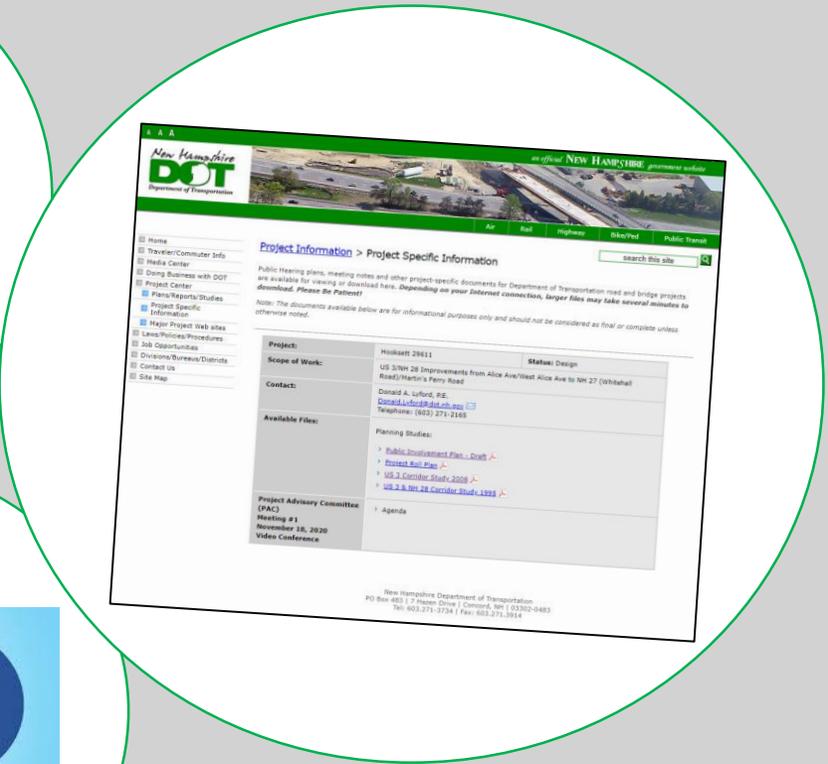
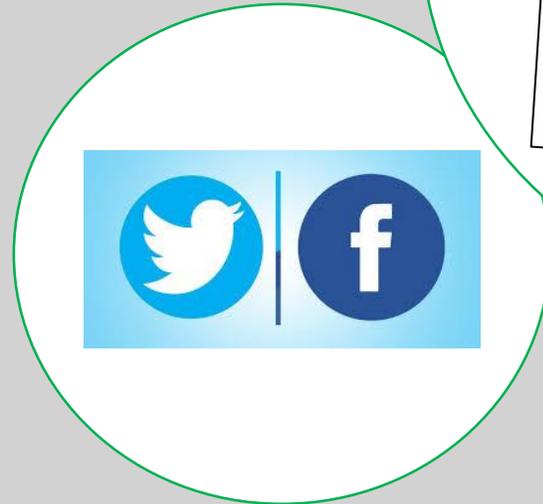
The Working Group has not been tasked to participate in steps 7 – 11. However, Working Group participation in Steps 7 – 11 is open to discussion moving forward.

Public Involvement Timeline

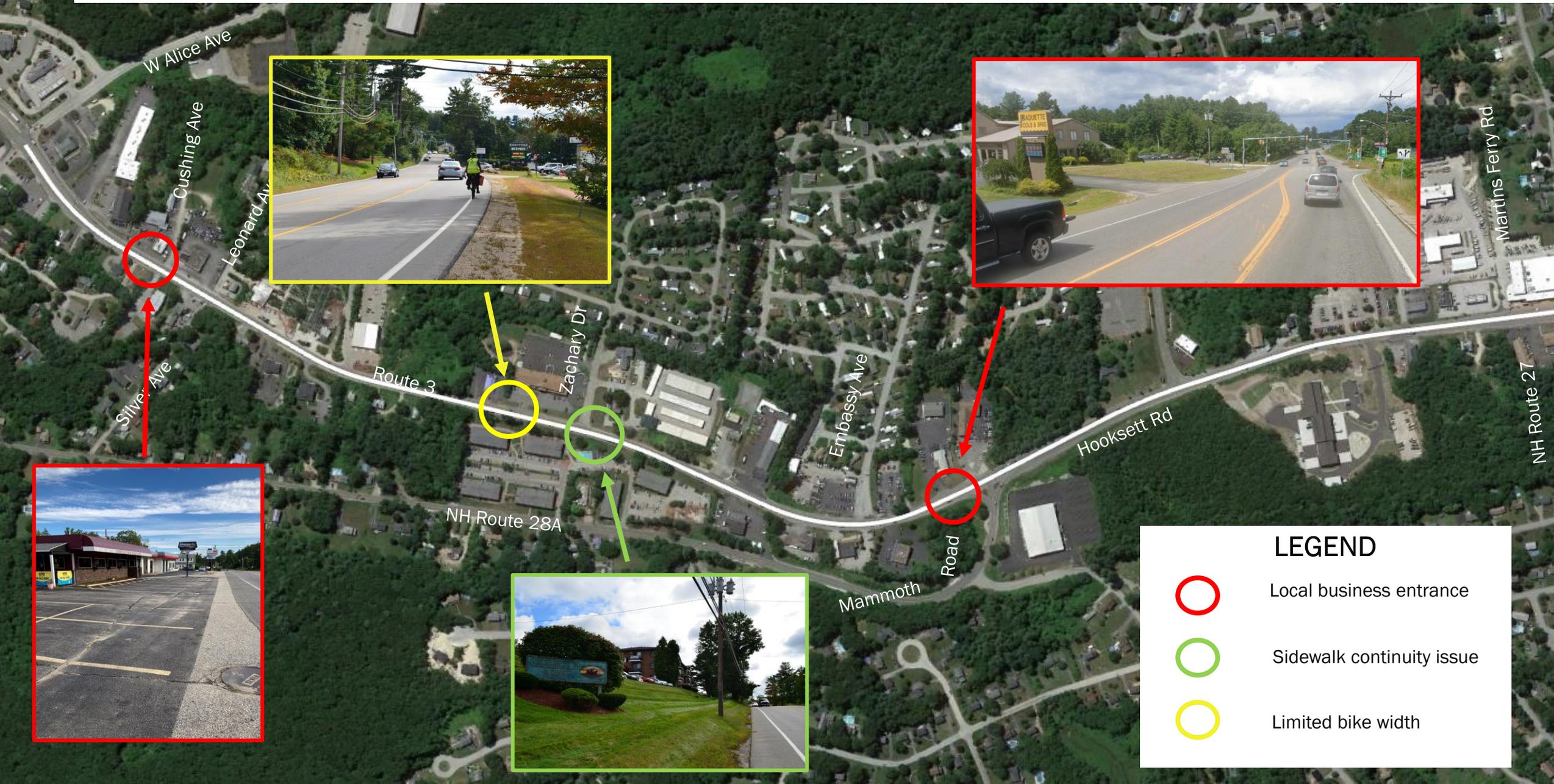


Communication Methods

- Sharing project information with the public
 - Social media
 - Websites
 - Email notifications
 - List Servs
 - Local media
 - Interactive Tools (surveys, polls)



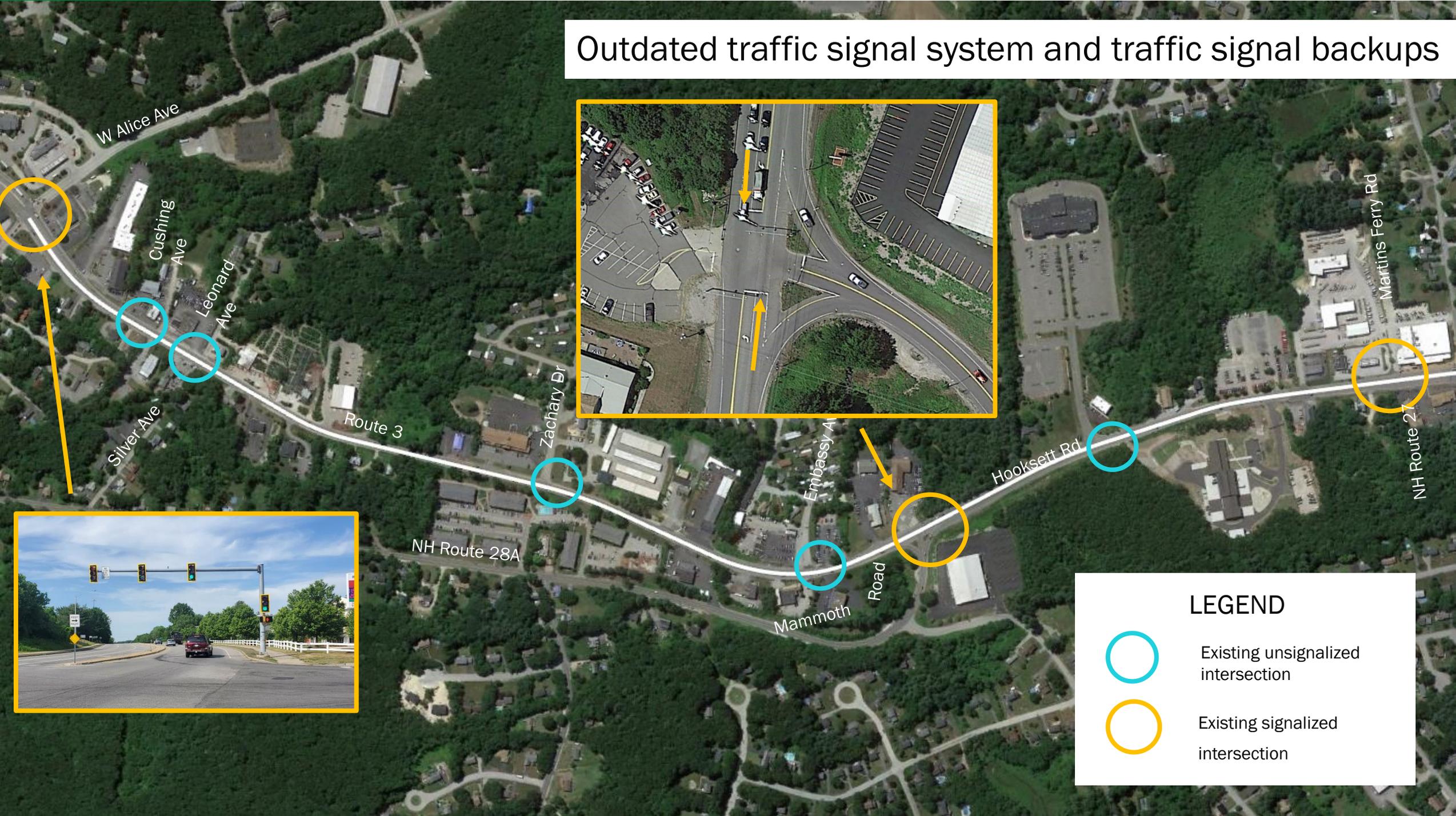
Poor access management, inadequate bike lane width and lack of sidewalk access and continuity



LEGEND

-  Local business entrance
-  Sidewalk continuity issue
-  Limited bike width

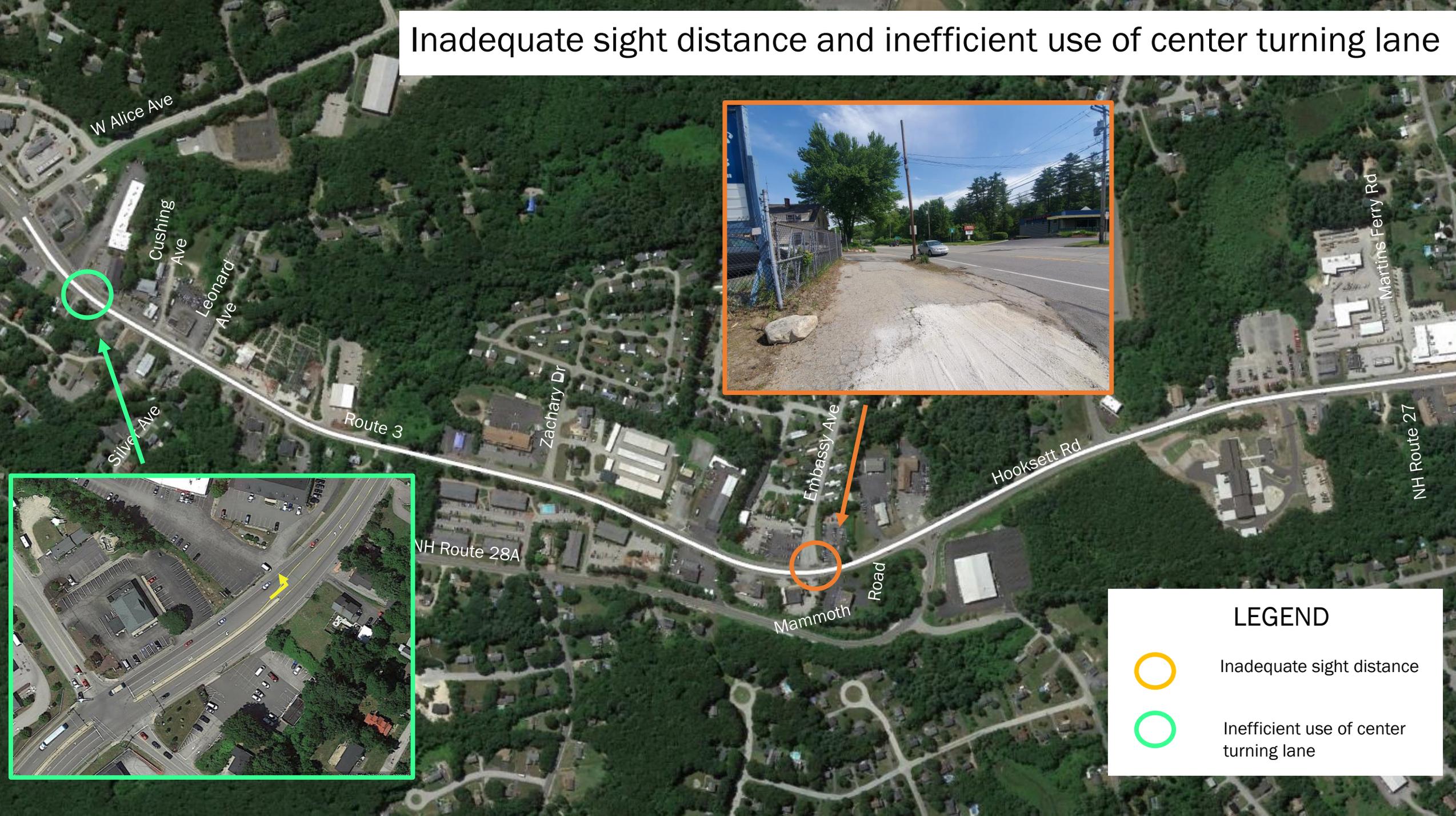
Outdated traffic signal system and traffic signal backups



LEGEND

-  Existing unsignalized intersection
-  Existing signalized intersection

Inadequate sight distance and inefficient use of center turning lane



LEGEND

-  Inadequate sight distance
-  Inefficient use of center turning lane

What is a Vision Statement?

The vision is the ideal. The vision reflects what the team believes are the ideal conditions for the community related to this project.

The vision statement should be:

- Understood and shared by members of the community
- Broad enough to include a diverse variety of local perspectives
- Easy to communicate - short and concise

Draft Project Vision

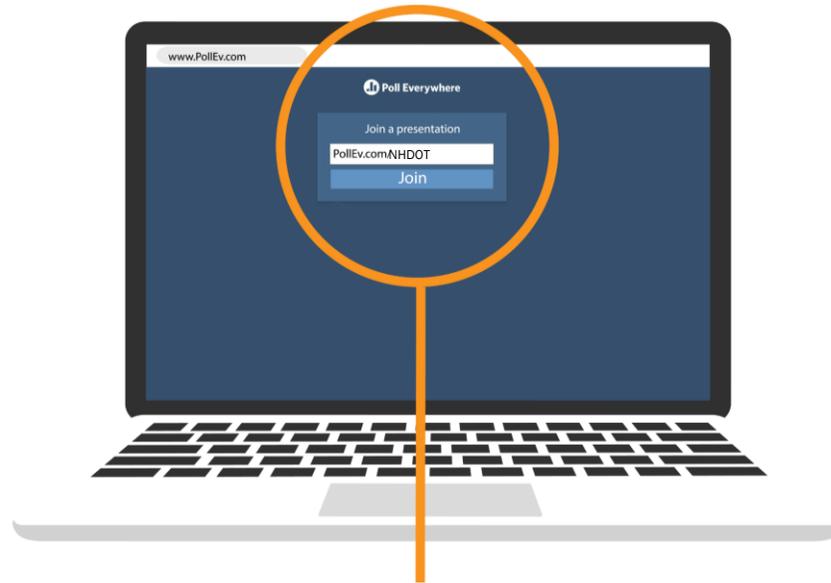
Improve safety and mobility of all users by applying “Complete Streets” principles.

Complete Streets: The transportation policy and design approach requiring streets to be planned, designed, operated, and maintained to enable safe, convenient, and comfortable travel for all users, regardless of their mode of transportation.

Vision Statement Polls

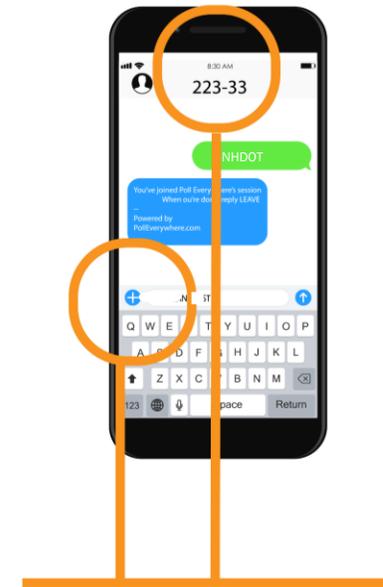
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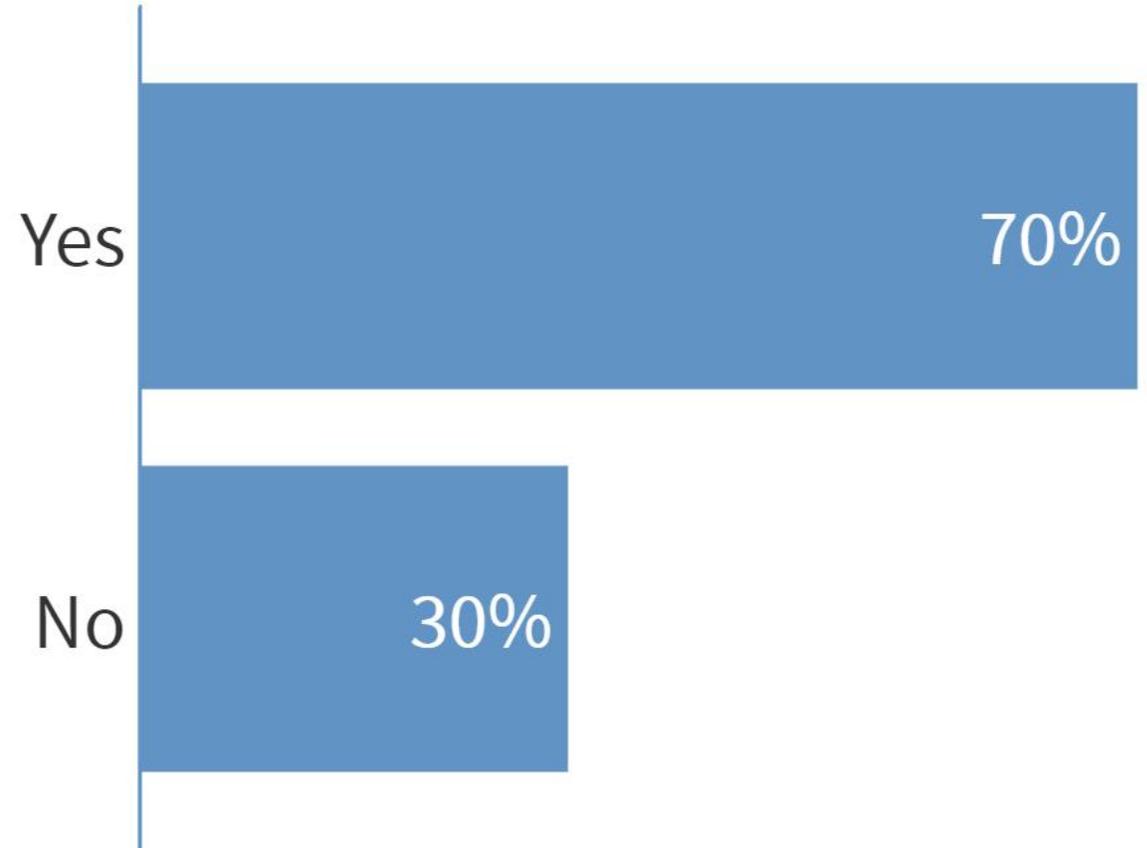


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Do you think the draft vision statement is easy to understand and clear?

Draft Vision Statement

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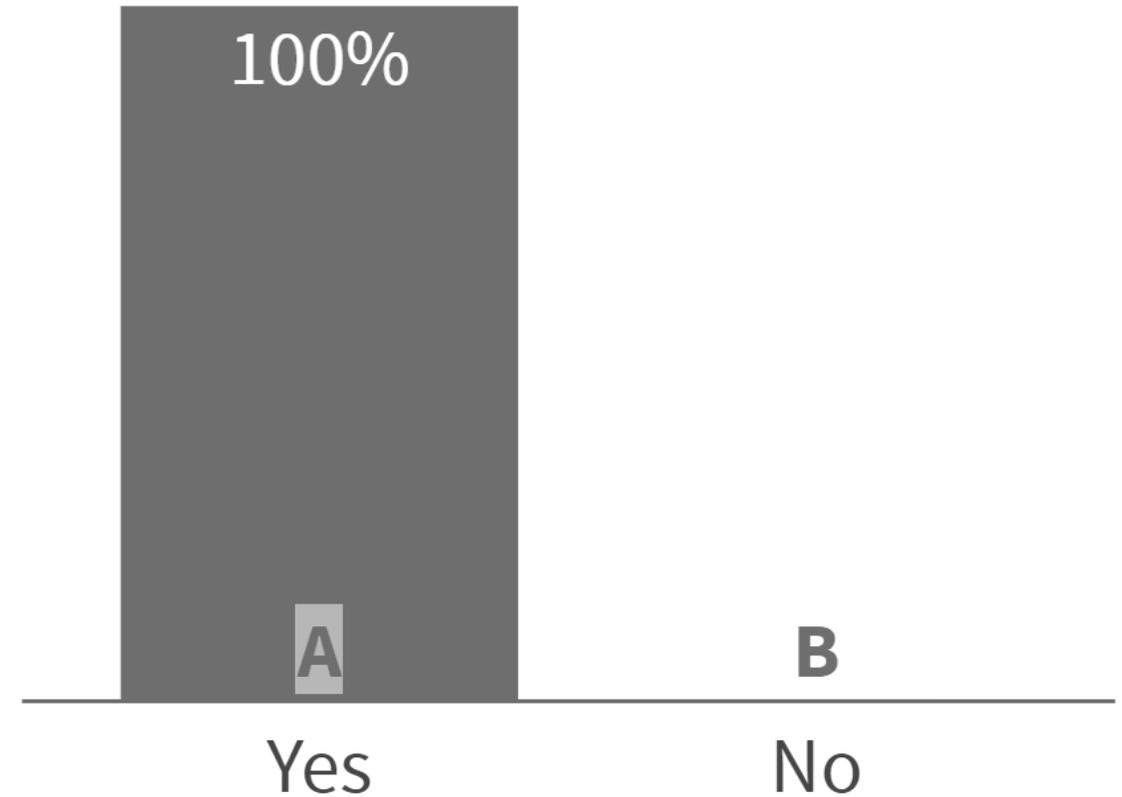
Respond at PollEv.com/nhdot

Text **NHDOT** to **22333** once to join, then **A or B**

Do you think the draft vision statement is appropriate for this project?

Draft Vision Statement

Improve safety and mobility of all users by applying "Complete Streets" principles.



 **Poll locked.** Responses not accepted.

What would you add or remove to make the draft vision statement better?

Draft Vision Statement

Improve safety and mobility of all users by applying "Complete Streets" principles.

“Include efficiency”

“Define complete streets”

“Adding the suggested "efficiency" would be appropriate.”

“Remove the words Complete Streets principles

What is a Purpose and Need Statement?

- The PURPOSE and NEED lay out why the proposed action is being pursued. It demonstrates the problems that will result if the project is not implemented.
- Examples of NEED may include:
 - Area development
 - Legislation
 - Social demands or economic development
 - Capacity
 - Safety
 - Roadway deficiencies

Draft Purpose and Need Statement

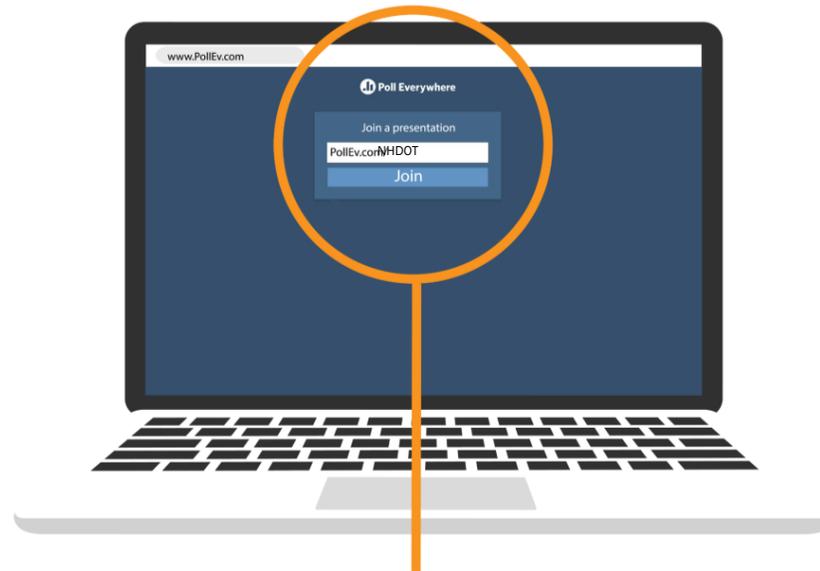
The purpose of the project is to improve 1.4 miles of the US Route 3/NH 28 corridor between Alice Ave/West Alice Ave and NH Route 27/Martins Ferry Road. These improvements are needed to address the following issues:

- Congestion and Safety; significant intersection back-ups during peak hours. Inadequate use of center turning lanes.
- Access Management; poorly defined driveways allowing uncontrolled access to US Route 3/NH 28.
- Multimodal Facilities; sidewalk discontinuity limiting pedestrian access and mobility. Vehicle-pedestrian conflicts exist where pedestrian crossings are not defined. Insufficient shoulder width to safely accommodate bicyclists on US Route 3/NH28.
- Traffic Signal Systems; systems are outdated requiring ADA, equipment upgrades and timing improvements to promote efficient traffic flow.
- Street Lighting; Inadequate street lighting along sidewalks and intersections hinders visibility and safety.
- Drainage; the existing drainage systems create maintenance and water quality concerns.

Purpose and Need Polling

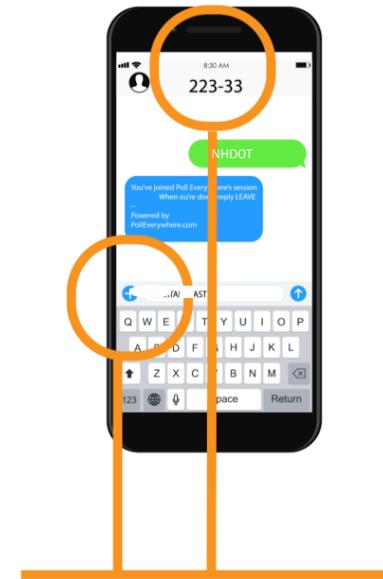
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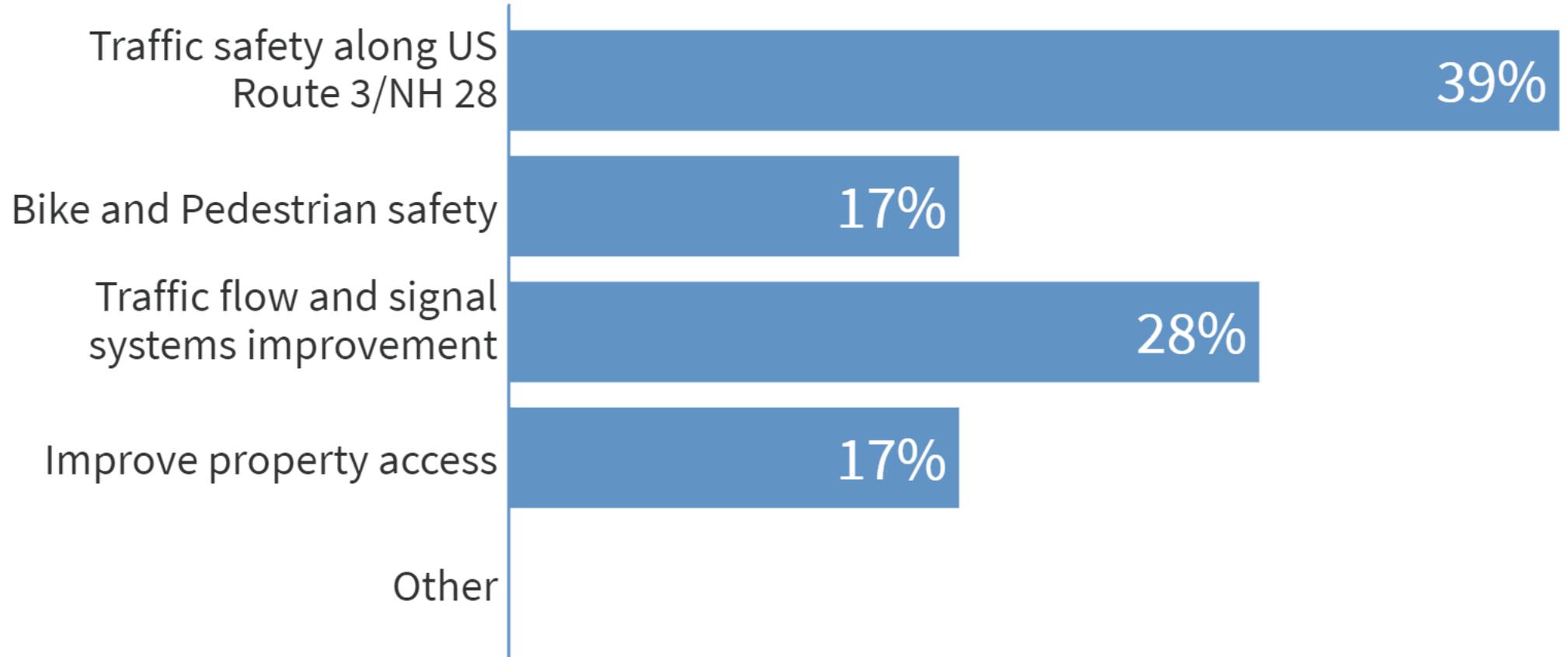
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What do you identify as the project purpose, the main objective that the proposed project is intended to meet?



Survey

- We will be sending a survey to the Working Group to gather additional feedback about what should be included in the Vision Statement and Purpose and Need Statement and to gather insight on corridor issues
- We ask that you please complete the survey by Friday, December 4
- The responses to the survey will guide the final draft of the Vision Statement and Purpose and Need Statement which will be put up for consensus at the next meeting



Next Meeting

- Preferred meeting time & schedule
 - Next meeting anticipated January 2021
- Anticipated Goals for Meeting #2
 - Review polling and survey results
 - Call for consensus on Vision Statement
 - Call for consensus on Purpose and Need Statement
- Contact information:
 - Donald Lyford, P.E.
 - Donald.A.Lyford@dot.nh.gov
 - 603-271-2165

Meeting Adjourned

Thank you!

